IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (presently amended) A fastening device, having a fastening element, for components to be arranged in a fuel tank of a motor vehicle, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the fastening element ~~(7—9)~~ has a head part ~~(10, 17, 18)~~ arranged on a ~~the~~ base part ~~(1)~~ and has a respective corresponding head part (11, 19, 20) arranged on a ~~the~~ component, and wherein ~~in that~~ the head part ~~(11, 19, 20) of~~ on the component and the head part ~~(10, 17, 18) of~~ on the base part ~~(1) can~~ are adapted to be connected to one another in a non-positive and positive manner.

2. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ at least one of the respective head parts of the fastening element ~~(7—9)~~ is of sleeve-shaped design.

3. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the fastening element ~~(7)~~ has a duct ~~(12)~~ running continuously through the respective head parts ~~(10, 11)~~ on the component and on the base part ~~(1)~~ and ~~in that~~ the head parts ~~(10, 11) of~~ on the component and on the base part ~~(1)~~ are sealingly connected.

4. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim1, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the head part ~~(11, 19, 20)~~ on the component or the head part ~~(10, 17, 18)~~ on the base part ~~(1)~~ has circumferential edges ~~(13, 21, 22)~~ facing radially toward ~~in the direction of~~ the respective other head part ~~component~~.

5. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the circumferential edges ~~(13, 21, 22)~~ have a bevel in ~~their~~ regions facing toward the respective other ~~component~~ head part and a shoulder in ~~their~~ regions facing away from the respective other head part ~~components~~.

6. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ one portion ~~part~~ of the circumferential edges ~~(13)~~ is

designed as a fastening region ~~(14)~~ and the head part further comprises a portion ~~other part is~~ designed as a sealing region ~~(15)~~.

7. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ a portion ~~part~~ of the circumferential edges ~~(13, 21, 22)~~ is designed to be radially rigid.

8. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ a portion ~~part~~ of the circumferential edges ~~(13, 21, 22)~~ is designed to be radially flexible.

9. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 5, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ at least one of the respective head parts ~~components~~ of the fastening element ~~(7—9)~~, in a ~~its~~ region facing toward the respective other ~~component~~ head part, is produced from a material which is swellable in conjunction with fuel.

10. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the head part ~~(10, 17, 18)~~ on the base part ~~(1)~~ or on the component ~~(11)~~ has a circumferential groove ~~(23)~~ for holding a sealing ring ~~(16)~~.

11. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the respective head parts ~~preceding claims, characterized in that the components~~ of the fastening element ~~(7—9) are~~ is produced in one part with ~~the~~ a wall of ~~the~~ a fuel tank ~~(1)~~ and at least one of the respective other head parts is produced in one part with the component to be assembled.

12. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ a head part ~~(11, 19, 20)~~ is fastened to the component or a ~~the~~ head part ~~(10, 17, 18)~~ is fastened to a ~~the~~ wall of the base part ~~(1)~~.

13. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~at least one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ the head part on the base part ~~(1)~~ has lateral support webs ~~(24) on the head part (10, 17, 18)~~ or the head part ~~(11, 19, 20)~~ on the component has lateral support webs ~~(24) on the component~~.

14. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the fastening element has a duct running continuously through the respective head parts on the component and on the base part and the head parts on the component and on the base part are sealingly connected.

15. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim1, wherein the head part on the component or the head part on the base part has circumferential edges facing radially toward the respective other head part.

16. (presently amended) The fastening device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the circumferential edges have a bevel in regions facing toward the respective other head part and a shoulder in regions facing away from the respective other head part.

17. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim 11, wherein one portion of the circumferential edges is designed as a fastening region and the head part further comprises a portion designed as a sealing region.

18. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a portion of the circumferential edges is designed to be radially rigid.

19. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim 11, wherein a portion of the circumferential edges is designed to be radially flexible.

20. (new) The fastening device as claimed in claim 11, wherein at least one of the respective head parts of the fastening element, in a region facing toward the respective other head part, is produced from a material which is swellable in conjunction with fuel.